

**University Student Union
California State University, Northridge
Facilities & Operations Committee
April 3, 2026
Regular Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Facilities and Operations Committee was called to order at 9:02 am by Chair Heet Patel.

II. Roll Call

Present	Absent	Staff	Guests
Heet Patel (Chair)		Jeremy Hamlett	
Alejandro Perez (Co Chair)		Rolando Cabral	
Syed Husaini			
Yash Patel			
Erwin Torres			
Leof Chou			

III. Approval of Agenda – April 3, 2026

M/S/P (L. Chou/E. Torres) – Motion to approve the agenda for April 3, 2026.

Motion passed 5-0-0

IV. Approval of Minutes – February 20, 2026

M/S/P (L. Chou/A. Perez) - Motion to approve the minutes for February 20, 2026.

Motion Passed 5-0-0

V. Chair’s & Co-Chair’s Report

Chair H. Patel shared reflections from attending the ACUI Annual Conference in Pittsburgh and expressed appreciation for the committee’s engagement throughout the semester.

Co-Chair A. Perez thanked members for their continued participation and contributions to the committee’s work.

VI. Discussion Items

A. BOD Committee Member Award Nominations

- i. Chair Patel opened the discussion for nominations. A. Perez nominated S. Husaini for his involvement across multiple committees. S. Husaini nominated E. Torres for his contributions. E. Torres nominated S. Husaini. L. Chou also nominated S. Husaini for being proactive in team

engagement. Y. Patel nominated E. Torres. Following discussion, Syed Husaini was selected as the committee's nominee.

B. ACUI Annual Conference Ideas

- i. Chair Patel shared insights from vendors at the conference including Trooh and RecRe. S. Husaini raised concerns about incorporating advertisements, while H. Patel explained the importance of identifying revenue streams beyond student fees. E. Torres asked about user behavior at charging stations, and J. Hamlett provided context regarding contracting considerations.

Chair Patel also introduced RecRe, a rental locker platform. A. Perez inquired about time limits, and H. Patel confirmed that the system is customizable. S. Husaini asked about missing items, and J. Hamlett explained that usage tracking would allow staff to identify users. R. Cabral noted the potential addition of cameras to support security.

Chair Patel shared information about MeSpace, a customizable workstation solution that could support displaced USU tenants during the Gateway Project. J. Hamlett provided additional context that this could save expenses related to infrastructure upgrades that would otherwise be experienced for renovation of existing spaces.

C. Facility Projects Update

- i. R. Cabral presented layout and furniture concepts from Tangram for the former Plaza Pool area, noting that furniture should be movable to accommodate events. Discussion included concerns about weather resistance, storage, and long-term durability.

A. Perez suggested seating similar to what is in the Oasis, while R. Cabral explained concerns about wicker materials due to sun exposure and wear. E. Torres asked about potential collaboration with the Sustainability Center for shade structures. The committee expressed concern about limited shade in the proposed layout.

Additional discussion included the possibility of incorporating a large, branded chair as a photo feature, security considerations for furniture, and whether food and beverage would be permitted in the space. R. Cabral noted that food and beverage access would be an operational decision. Consensus included removing the long couch concept and exploring alternative seating options.

D. Pizza Vending Machine Vendor

- i. Co-executive secretary Jeremy Hamlett shared an update regarding the pizza vending machine. The pizza vending machine proposal is more complex than initially anticipated due to how it's classified from a regulatory standpoint. Because the unit would be installed adjacent to an existing structure, it may be treated as an addition to the ECC rather than a standalone installation. As a result, it would need to go through a full plan check process. This includes comprehensive code analysis by an architect, structural evaluation by an engineer, review and approval from the Office of Fire Safety, and submission of fully stamped architectural drawings. These requirements significantly extend both the timeline and scope compared to a typical equipment installation. Alternative indoor locations are being explored on campus.

VII. Announcements

Y. Patel announced his candidacy for an AS Senate seat. Chair H. Patel noted ongoing conversations regarding potential future initiatives.

VIII. Adjournment

By consensus, the regular meeting of the Facilities & Operations Committee was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. by Chair H. Patel.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jeremy Hamlett